

Claims :

1. A process of treating a fabric comprising the steps of applying, in any order,  
5 to said fabric a first and a second composition, wherein upon contact of said  
two compositions heat is generated.
2. A process according to claim 1, wherein the heat generation is provided by  
10 an exothermic process either of chemical or physical nature.
3. The process of Claim 1 wherein the heat generation is provided by an  
exothermic process either of chemical or physical nature selected from the  
group consisting of : dissolution of organic or inorganic salts; oxidations or  
15 reductions; hydration of substantially anhydrous compounds; and acid/base  
reactions; and mixtures thereof.
4. The process of Claim 1 wherein said first composition comprises a first  
compound of a binary heat generating system and said second composition  
comprises a second compound of a binary heat generating system.  
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5. A process according to claim 4, wherein said first compound is selected from  
the group consisting of organic and inorganic salts and mixtures thereof; and  
said second compound is selected from the group consisting of : water; and  
polar solvents; and mixtures thereof.  
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6. A process according to claim 4, wherein said first compound is selected from  
the group consisting of an oxidizing agent and a mixture thereof; and said  
second compound is selected from the group consisting of a reducing agent  
and a mixture thereof.
- 30 7. A process according to claim 4, wherein said first compound is selected from  
the group consisting of : anhydrous zeolites; anhydrous alumino silicates;  
and mixtures thereof; and said second compound is selected from the group  
consisting of : water; and polar solvents; and mixtures thereof.
- 35 8. A process according to claim 4, wherein said first compound is selected from

the group consisting of : organic and inorganic acids and mixtures thereof; and said second compound is selected from the group consisting of : organic and inorganic bases and mixtures thereof.

- 5      9. The process of Claim 1 wherein said fabric is a carpet.
10. The process of Claim 1 wherein the heat generated ( $\Delta T$ ) upon contact of the two compositions is at least 1° C when measured upon the fabric.
- 10     11. The process of Claim 1 wherein one of said compositions is a solid composition and the other of said two compositions is a liquid or solid composition.
12. A process according to claim 11, wherein the other of said two compositions  
15        is a conventional carpet treatment/cleaning composition or water.
- 20     13. A process for cleaning a carpet comprising contacting a carpet with a first composition and a second composition wherein upon contact of said two compositions with each other, heat is generated to provide a carpet cleaning benefit.